

The Editor Speaking

An Illinois glass eater claims to have swallowed 100 gross of fish hooks in the last 12 years, which ought to entitle him to vote along with the rest of us.

Out of respect to music week some alert legislator should have passed a bill to quiet the radio stations.

"Vanilla ice cream still holds a comfortable lead over other flavors" says a news dispatch from Boston. My, my, the intellectual advantage of research!

A note pinned to a Vancouver, Wash., abandoned baby said its parents were "Irish and English." As if the child could ever be proud of them.

Now a super chain letter has been devised, alleged to be fool proof, which costs a dollar to participate and is carried on by air-mail. When this idea is worked out in state of Washington's new fifth-cents, the Miner will be willing to participate.

And, too, this chain-letter flood of mail should justify a special stamp issue bearing a likeness of Get-Rich-Quick Wallingford.

There are people who would be better off in some of their gray matter were prod flesh.

Big-time opportunity, that's what it is, this send-a-dime letter racket, to the person who even cheats at solitaire.

Clark Wood, editor of the Weston (Oregon) Leader, the scribe who can say it all in a paragraph, let more than his mind wander for a couple weeks. He recently returned from a tour of California, where he noted a modesty reminding of his Georgia enema, Olin Miller.

A planning board is looking to the retaining of her natural beauty in relocating the Columbia river highway at Bonneville, which probably has reference to the highway's alluring curves.

Today's Pitiful Case: The famous person who does not smoke, uses no patent medicines and has never been quoted.

Klamath Falls is having her troubles concerning a proposed new waterworks, and some of Windy Willis Mahoney's arguments concerning same are claimed to hold water like an old flivver radiator.

Death is still the penalty in Oregon for stock rustling. A Coquille farmer last week shot and killed a bear that had been making regular raids on his sheep and goats.

Art (Hic) Powell of the Central Point American took all last week to compose a phrase for Brother Bob Ruhl or the Medford Mail Tribune which described Ruhl as the "attempted O. O. McIntyre of Oregon", and was too busy to pay his usual homage to the Miner.

At last real news comes to the starving, vitaminless press. A Lakeview drunk "arrested" another citizen for walking the streets sober.

After an Australian cut a snake in two the head half attacked him, which reminds us of American political parties.

Los Angeles' population is reported to have gained by more than 113,000 since the last census, and without doubt San Franciscans would like to bridge that, too.

A Portland surgeon was arrested for the fourth time this week on traffic charges. Evidently he didn't confine his short-cuts to the operating room.

A lot of unemployed, judging from the news, have turned from biting their fingernails to biting the hand that has tried to feed them.

England is celebrating the silver jubilee of the ascension to the throne of King George and Queen Mary and, should the affair prove a financial loss they can take a leaf from Medford and congratulate themselves on the publicity.

In this newest version of post-office, instead of kissing a pretty girl you kiss a dime goodbye.

When Uncle Sam finds it essential to live within his income, his millions of beneficiaries may have to live without it.—Weston Leader.

It seems probable now that insofar as Germany is concerned, what she lost was not a war, but her recollection.—Weston Leader.

CITY WILL NOT EXCEED BUDGET SAYS RECORDER

City dads burned midnight oil Tuesday evening. At 12 o'clock they cleared the council chamber and went into executive session with the city attorney over legal matters. Since 7:30 they had been in open session marked with much business of many sorts. The reports of the recorder were read, also a report on the actual expenses as compared with those estimated in the budget, expenses had exceeded the budget 3 percent over those estimated for this portion of the year. City Recorder Adams reported, however, that the entire year's expenditures probably would be kept within the budget and receipts.

The report of the city judge showed \$182.50 collected in fines and \$17.50 in costs during April.

The street department was directed to fix the alley near the Freeman property to make it fit for travel at an estimated cost of \$75.

The matter of opening an alley through the block from the Lithia Springs hotel to Pioneer street was referred to the city superintendent for investigation and report.

The city attorney was instructed to acquire for \$25 the lots on Granite street back of the Susie Allen building, that the city might clean them up and erect a safety fence along the front with SERA labor. The properties were sold for taxes but the county would remit them if the city took them over. It was proposed to set native shrubs and clean up the place which had been declared a health hazard.

The city superintendent was instructed to negotiate for a right-of-way along the fence on the Heath property near the lower reservoir in exchange for a road now unused through the center of the Heath property. The right-of-way, while not needed for a private road or absolutely necessary to reach the reservoir would save much distance in reaching it.

Two permits to sell wine in the original package not to be drunk on the premises were recommended subject to the approval of the police department. One goes to Larry Porter and the other to East Side Pharmacy.

Citizens Bank Depositors Get \$17,000 Return

Fifth dividend of 10 per cent on all ordinary deposit claims filed and approved against the commercial department of the Citizens bank of Ashland, up to and including March 20, 1935, will be mailed out after May 14, according to announcement of A. A. Schram, state superintendent of banks in charge of liquidation.

The 10 per cent payment, amounting to about \$17,000, will bring total recovery to depositors to 60 per cent since the bank closed its doors March 12, 1932.

Fine Flower Filchers

Flowers are plenty in Ashland but they are not always cheap. Three normal students found that out yesterday when they were up before Judge Fuller charged with taking flowers from the garden of C. W. Fortmiller, 514 Boulevard.

Fuller assessed fines of \$25 and \$2.50 costs against each and remitted \$15 of the fine on condition that the \$12.50 be paid and satisfactory settlement be made for the flowers. The fines were all paid.

Taxpayers Forbid Tearing Down Of State Capitol Walls

A temporary injunction forbidding the tearing down of state capitol walls until further action based on a hearing tomorrow, was granted by Judge L. G. Lewelling in Marion county circuit court Wednesday. As a result, there will be a delay on starting or razing the charred walls of the building, although clearing away of debris will continue. The action was brought by the Marion County Taxpayers' association.

The delay was occasioned by a technicality raised by the Marion county group and, due to the emergency situation arising from the empty walls which might constitute a physical hazard, Judge Lewelling has ordered that all briefs and arguments against razing the ruins be presented by Saturday.

NEW FRONT FOR FORTMILLER'S

Fortmiller's announces the establishment of two new departments soon as remodeling of the store is completed. With the new departments, the clothing wants of the entire family can be filled at this store.

A complete line of men's clothing and furnishings will be installed on the north side of the store room. A complete shoe department for men, women and children also will be added.

The entire front of the store will be remodeled and, accordingly J. H. McGee, owner of the building has let the contract for the changes to Frank Jordan. The new front will be the latest two-door type. The island windows will remain as it now is, but the other windows will be modernized. Doors will lead into the center of each half of the store and the windows will be rearranged. All the store, interior as well as the front, will be redecorated. When completed it will compare well with any store in southern Oregon.

The management, in addition to their full line of ready made men's clothing, also will be in a position to furnish made-to-measure suits and overcoats on short notice and in a large variety of materials, styles and prices, said C. W. Fortmiller and J. P. Daugherty yesterday.

When it gets around to balancing the budget, the Administration may find itself a little out of practice.—Weston Leader.

TOWNS AND CITIES ARE NEVER KILLED FROM THE OUTSIDE— RATHER THEY COMMIT SUICIDE



Your first interest should be the town in which you live. Civic pride is a splendid thing, but it means little if not supported by the one thing which builds and maintains towns and cities—the cold cash of business. The doctrine of buying at home is not advanced solely in the interests of the merchants. But it is necessary because in this community every citizen at some time or another is dependent upon every other citizen. Failure to support Ashland institutions, Ashland merchants, leads finally to community suicide.

Boastful speeches will not build Ashland. Unless a citizen spends his money where he makes it he is helping to dig a grave for his own city. Trading with home merchants is the first principle of town building. In no other way can the community grow; in no other way can the many fine schools and churches of Ashland be supported; in no other way can your property and investments be made secure.

Support your home-town merchants, whose tax dollars join with yours in supporting Ashland institutions. Give him your support that the business life of Ashland may grow and thrive. Do not help your home town commit suicide by your own carelessness. And always remember that the only 100 per cent dollar is the dollar spent at home.

The only thing that can hurt Ashland is the indifference of its citizens!

CHAINS CLANK AS MAIL FLOOD HITS ASHLAND

Ashland business was shackled by a chain letter fever early this week, the burst of postage hysteria striking this city late Monday, and with full force Tuesday and Wednesday. The storm was abating today, as the saturation point in "suckers" was reached.

Early birds, in the chain letter business, seem to be the ones who collect the bait, and a few local residents had realized handsome profits on their early starts by press time today. One of Ashland's first enthusiasts had realized close to \$50 from a \$1 investment in an air mail chain, while local print shops were cashing in, too, by the selling of printed forms which gave stenographers of the town a needed rest.

It was estimated that a large percentage of local coin had been diverted from regular channels into Uncle Sam's letter boxes here this week by reason of enthusiasm for a dollar chain which originated in Medford over the week-end, and most civic energy was expended on passing on the obligation of mailing money to those fortunate ones at the top of the lists. Ten-cent, two-bit, 50-cent and dollar chains were clanking over the county throughout the week, most of the dime divvies coming from California and Denver.

According to Postmaster Fred Wagner, a peak in Ashland chain lettering was apparently reached Wednesday, when letter business had increased from 25 to 50 per cent, with a heavy drain on air mail stamps. The local post office had received no official notification of the department's attitude toward the chain letter racket yesterday, said Wagner, only light having been cast on the subject's legality being news accounts which said the postoffice department regarded the practice as fraudulent, believing that the person induced to mail his coin to "the top name" had no assurance of ever having his investment returned, although letters were written to present the scheme as a sure-fire money getter.

Meanwhile, practically every businessman and resident of Ashland and environs was waving a bundle of letters to their friends, laughing and making a Roman holiday of the flood of mail. Typists and stenographers were being imposed on by friends at an alarming rate Wednesday and it was expected they were entirely sympathetic with postmen, also sufferers from the deluge.

The Miner, however, will carry no editorials against the practice in this issue, the staff having been bitten by the postman bug as readily as other victims.

LIBRARY BOOKS

The report of the city library for April shows 15 books purchased, 15 donated and 179 repaired, making 209 additional books in circulation. Books circulated over the desk totaled 5149; loaned city schools, 56; loaned rural schools, 94. New borrowers numbered 33; largest number of books loaned one day 291; smallest 160; average 204; percentage of adult fiction, 66; attendance at reading and reference room 3190; rural circulation 892.

MINE JUBILEE AT BAKER

Baker, Oregon, will hold its annual mining jubilee July 3 and 4, with many varied features accentuating mineral activity in eastern Oregon.

SEEN in a DAZE



LOWELL GAULT and AL LUTZ trapping for fish and getting skunked.
JERRY O'NEAL drinking milk.
VERNE TEMPLAR commuting between the high school and his Third street garage.
The BUSINESS RIVAL peddling dirt from a vacant lot.
SHIRLEY ERLANDSON and LUCILLE BISBON playing tennis at dawn.
BUD GANDEE figuring how he can squeeze a haircut, shave, lunch, and a glass of suds out of 75 cents.
DICK HALL being mistaken for a taxi driver.
ANDY ANDREWS crossing the street in a furtive manner.
JOHN MILJUS telling an umpire in two languages.

S'MATTER POP

By C. M. Payne



CITY, SERA MAY EXPEND \$4,405

The council Tuesday night voted to apply the same rule on delinquent irrigation water rentals as is applied to house rentals. Those in arrears must pay current water in three payments, June 1, July 1, and August 1, as in the past and must in addition pay half the amount of each current payment to be applied on delinquent rentals.

City Superintendent Biegel laid before the council a request from Councilman Guy Applewhite of the county relief administration for the set up of a federal project for road improvements in the Ashland watershed to amount to about \$4405 of which about \$1063 would be material and rental of equipment to be borne by the city and about \$4405 labor to be furnished by SERA.

Five building permits were approved by the city council Tuesday night. They were: L. L. Trapp, 323 Helman street, repairs and remodel dwelling, \$300. J. C. Penney company, 143 East Main street, remodel store, \$200. J. N. King, 231 Van Ness, remodel and build garage, \$200. H. G. Enders, 140 South Pioneer, plaster and remodel, \$400. Associated Oil company, East Main street, steel service station, \$3500.

The council also directed the city superintendent to have the ceiling of the city hall replastered at a cost of \$75.

PARK STORE REOPENED

The park store, adjacent to the Lithia Park auto camp, was reopened this week by Sadie Temby, assisted by a brother, Charles Temby. Groceries and delicatessen foods will be sold. The store serves tourists residing at the park.